

SENATE BILL 2126
By Bryson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to lottery scholarship eligibility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting item (7) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(7) "Eligible high school" means:

(A) A Tennessee public secondary school;

(B) A private secondary school that is located in Tennessee and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

(C) A private out-of-state secondary school, day or boarding, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association or, if outside the United States, accredited by the appropriate foreign accrediting association; provided that the student is otherwise a resident of Tennessee; or

(D) A public or private out-of-state secondary school accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association or, if outside the United States, operated by the government of the United States or accredited by the appropriate foreign accrediting association; provided that the student is otherwise a citizen of Tennessee and resides in another state or nation only while such student's parent is engaged in active military service of the United States or on full-time national guard duty.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1)

(A) Been a Tennessee resident, as defined by regulations promulgated by the board of regents under § 49-8-104, for one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application for a scholarship or grant or for the renewal of a scholarship or grant; or

(B) Been a Tennessee resident for one (1) year immediately prior to such student's parent's deployment to another state or nation while engaged in active military service of the United States or on full-time national guard duty and such student is otherwise a citizen of Tennessee immediately preceding the date of application for a scholarship or grant or for the renewal of a scholarship or grant;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(b), is amended by deleting the language "graduated from a Tennessee high school," and by substituting instead the language "graduated from an eligible high school, graduated from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school,".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(c), is amended by deleting the language "graduate from a Tennessee high school," and by substituting instead the language "graduate from an eligible high school, graduate from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school,".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-909(a), is amended by deleting the language "who graduates from a Tennessee high school," and by substituting instead the language "who graduates from an eligible high school, who graduates from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school,".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-918(a), is amended by deleting the language "graduates from a Tennessee high school," and by substituting instead the language "graduates from an eligible high school, graduates from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school,".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it